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SPOONER, WI - Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Spooner today to be briefed on Resonant Microsystems' use of \$1.6 million in federal funding obtained by Obey for the development of new fuse technology for military munitions.

"Using nanotechnology, Resonant Microsystems is developing a fuse entirely on a single computer chip. Their fuze-on-a-chip would be smaller, cheaper, and more reliable than the fuses the military uses today. That increased reliability would mean more successful missions for our military and less risk of our soldiers or civilians coming across unexploded munitions," said Obey. "And their work is keeping some good jobs here in Wisconsin."

The new fuse technology can be used in a wide range of explosives, from the largest bombs to grenades to devices that prevent sensitive information and technology from falling into enemy hands. This technology improves safety during production, storage and use, as well as improves reliability and reduces civilian casualties and collateral damage.

Resonant Microsystems was established in 1996 and is an industry leader in micro-electromechanical systems components and applications. Resonant currently employs ten people, and anticipates adding 10 to 20 jobs in the first year of the project.

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